

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 18, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 720, 2/16/2005; HB 724,
2/16/2005; HB 676, 2/16/2005;
2/16/2005, HJ 2, 2/16/2005

Executive Action: HB 657; HB 676

HEARING ON HJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:28 REP. BOB LAKE, HD 88, opened the hearing on HJ 2,
Revenue estimating resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:42 REP. FACEY

00:08:35 REP. PETERSON

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:49 REP. BOB LAKE, HD 88, closed the hearing on HJ 2.

HEARING ON HB 720

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:03 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on
HB 720, Regulatory certainty for land use.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:15 Michael Kakuk, Attorney, Helena, Montana Business
Industries Association and Montana Association of
Realtors

EXHIBIT (tah40a01)

00:22:52 Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry
Association

00:24:31 Richard Smith, Builder, Gallatin County Planning
Board

00:25:49 Kirk Chissum, Montana Building Industry
Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:13 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:28 REP. McALPIN
00:31:48 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:35:03 REP. LAKE
00:36:06 REP. ROSS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:45 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, closed the hearing on HB 720.

HEARING ON HB 724

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:13 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 724, Revise powers and duties of local boards of health.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:50 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT \(tah40a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah40a03\)](#)

00:52:03 Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner, Member of Board of Health
00:55:35 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of Counties
00:56:31 Linda Stoll, Montana Local Health Officers Group
00:57:09 Tim Roark, Environmental Health Director, Gallatin County

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:29 REP. BUTCHER
01:05:09 REP. LAMBERT
01:07:33 REP. McALPIN
01:09:07 REP. COHENOUR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:35 REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67 closed the hearing on HB 724.

HEARING ON HB 676

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:28 **REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2**, opened the hearing on
HB 676, Allocate part of income taxes derived from
natural resource projects to schools.
EXHIBIT (tah40a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:39 Kathy Bramer, representing Superintendent of
Public Instruction, Linda McCulloch
01:22:50 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:23:40 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:55 **REP. FACEY**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:53 **REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2**, closed the hearing on
HB 676.

01:26:39 Break
01:51:22 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 676

01:51:49 **Motion/Vote:** **REP. LAKE** moved that **HB 676** BE
TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with **REPS. COHENOUR, RASER** and **CAMPBELL** voting by
proxy.
01:52:36 **REP. COHENOUR** arrived at committee meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 657

01:52:53 **Motion:** **REP. LAKE** moved that **HB 657** BE **TABLED**.
01:53:19 **REP. LAKE** withdrew his motion without objection
from the committee.

Discussion:

01:53:08

CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

01:55:03

**Motion/Vote: REP. WISEMAN moved that HB 657 BE
TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with REPS. CAMPBELL and RASER voting by proxy.**

01:56:19

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah40aad0.PDF](#))